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DRAFTING OF A DECLARATION ON THE RIGHT AND RESPONSIBILITY OF INDIVIDUALS, GROUPS AND ORGANS OF SOCIETY TO PROMOTE AND PROTECT UNIVERSALLY RECOGNIZED HUMAN RIGHTS AND FUNDAMENTAL FREEDOMS

Australia, Austria, Canada, Chile, Costa Rica, Czech Republic*, Denmark*, Finland, Germany, Iceland*, Netherlands, Nicaragua*, Norway*, Philippines*, Poland, Portugal*, Romania, Russian Federation, Senegal*, Sweden*, Switzerland*, Syrian Arab Republic, Turkey* and United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland: draft resolution

Question of a draft declaration on the right and responsibility of individuals, groups and organs of society to promote and protect universally recognized human rights and fundamental freedoms

The Commission on Human Rights,

Recalling its decision 1984/116 of 16 March 1984, by which it established an open-ended working group to draft a declaration on the right and responsibility of individuals, groups and organs of society to promote and protect universally recognized human rights and fundamental freedoms,

Recalling also its subsequent resolutions, in particular resolution 1993/92 of 10 March 1993, in which it authorized further meetings of the working group and noted the progress it had achieved,

Recalling further that the World Conference on Human Rights recommended speedy completion and adoption of the draft declaration,

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* In accordance with rule 69, paragraph 3, of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council.

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Conscious of the importance of taking into account the opinions of all States and of interested intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations before finalizing the draft declaration,

Noting with satisfaction the progress made by the open-ended working group during its meetings prior to and during the fiftieth session of the Commission,

1. Takes note of the report of the working group (E/CN.4/1994/81);

2. Urges the working group to make every effort to complete its task and submit the draft declaration to the Commission at its fifty-first session;

3. Decides to continue at its fifty-first session its work on the elaboration of the draft declaration;

4. Also decides to make available appropriate meeting time for the working group prior to and during the fifty-first session of the Commission;

5. Recommends the following draft resolution to the Economic and Social Council for adoption:

"The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling Commission on Human Rights resolution 1994/... of ... March 1994,

1. Authorizes an open-ended working group of the Commission on Human Rights to meet for a period of two weeks prior to the fifty-first session of the Commission in order to continue work on the elaboration of a draft declaration on the right and responsibility of individuals, groups and organs of society to promote and protect universally recognized human rights and fundamental freedoms;

2. Requests the Secretary-General to extend all necessary facilities to the working group for its meetings."